

REMARKS

Amendments to Claims

The claims are amended as noted above. Applicants will consider canceling the non-elected claims once the Examiner reconsiders the instant restriction and responds to the traverse and argument herein.

Claim 1 is amended in order to clarify the subject matter of the claim.

Claim 11 is amended merely to correct punctuation and form.

Claims 14-15 are amended in order to clarify the claimed composition.

Claims 22-23 are amended in order to clarify the claimed method of the invention.

None of these amendments constitute new matter, nor do they serve to limit the scope of the claims as originally filed.

THE OFFICE ACTION

I. Restriction Requirement

Applicant acknowledges the pending restriction requirement, alleging that the claims are subject to restriction into Groups I-X because of an asserted lack of common technical feature (PCT Rule 13.2). Accordingly, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to peptides, for continued prosecution, with traverse.

Applicant traverses because the claims all share the same special technical feature, namely the peptides of claims 1-6. Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 13 (13.1, 13.2), the present restriction is improper. Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement and rejoining of the entirety of the pending claims.

II. Conclusion

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, he is invited to call the undersigned.

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